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“Let the Code Decide”

Chairman David Williams called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Roll call was taken and a quorum present. The following members were present: Dennis Cassady, Phil Clark, Paul Knapp, Frank Donovan, Jim Chase, Darrick Whitaker, David Williams, Phillip Nault, Gary Hellmer, Randy Oliver, Robert Hoekwater, Mark Shapiro, Don LaBrenz, Dave Vallier, Brian Carter, John Hartigan, Roger Radcliffe, Brian Kiley, David Sniderman, Mel Kooiker, Walt Stoddard, John Stoudt, Robert Parrent, and Michael Vukovich. Excused were George Little, Ed Harris, and Dan O'Donnell. Absent was Gary Polulak.

The minutes of the August 6, 2008 Board meeting were approved.

Secretary Darrick Whitaker reported on correspondence from Board member David Sniderman, David has submitted his retirement letter to the Board after being a Board member for twenty (20) years. Also Ed Harris has had additional surgery on his leg and hip. David Williams read a letter from honorary retired inspector member John Demarais. He stated in his present health condition he would like us to discontinue his membership and put the monies to another use such as the inspector school expenses. Mr. Demarais was one of the three original founders of the inspector school. A motion to name the Michigan Chapter Inspector School after him was made and it carried.

Treasurer Jim Chase gave the financial report. David Williams asked Jim if we receive meeting invoices and receipts at the meeting or after. Jim replied it is usually after the meetings.

Annual Meeting Program Chairman, Frank Donovan thanked David Williams and George Little for their help with the set up of presenters. Frank reported that Mr. Michael Johnston, Executive Director of Standards and Safety, National Electrical Contractors Association, will present a one day program on the Article 250 Grounding and Bonding, IAEI Soares 2005 Edition. Also on Friday morning Michael will present a NECA program on what “good workmanship” is and what it looks like. The code panel; moderated by Don LaBrenz, will consist of Mr. Don Iverson, Midwest Field Representative of NEMA, Mr. Phil Clark, Chief, City of Detroit, Mr. David Williams, Western Section President, and Mr. Walt Stoddard, Field Services Engineer, Underwriters Laboratories Incorporated.

Annual Meeting Guests Program Chairman, Phil Clark reported that the guests will tour the Detroit Institute of Arts Museum on Thursday and view a holiday movie on Friday.

Spring Meeting Technical Program Chairman, Robert Hoekwater stated he is planning on having the following presentations: two hours of plan review, two hours of administration with Dan O'Donnell, three hours of specialty, six hours of technical, and one hour of communications.

Spring Meeting Guests Program Chairman Walt Stoddard stated he is working with Dennis Cassady on the guests program.

Membership Chairman Robert Hoekwater reported we currently have five hundred and eight (508) members. Of which are two hundred sixty five (265) inspector members, two hundred twenty six (226) associate members, four honorary retired inspectors, three honorary associate members, one agency representative, one agency inspector member, eight retiree members, one trial associate member, one trial inspector member, and four new members in November.

Bylaws & Policy Committee Chairman Frank Donovan stated that there no meetings of this committee and the Legislative Committee. David Williams did state that there was a House Bill, HB 6353 that dealt with the license requirements for a fire suppression system installation. The bill does not specify who is to perform the inspections of this installation and does not reference the Forbes Mechanical Act.

Western Section Representative David Williams reviewed the recent Section meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota. He also stated he had been sworn in as Western Section President at the meeting. David stated there were two hundred sixty-one (261) attendees and one hundred seven (107) and guests. The program consisted of reviewing the 2011 code change proposals, of which only eleven (11) were passed. The program also had other educational programs for the attendees. The Western Section website includes more information about the meeting and functions.

Chapter Web Site Chairman David Williams reported that the chapter's web site is running about equal with last years hits. He also stated he had received a request to purchase ad space on the web site. After some discussion it was recommended that the website committee look at other sites and what they charge so we can respond to any requests in the future.

Darrick Whitaker reviewed the site locations for the next two years. The 2009 Spring Meeting will be in Grand Rapids at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on March 5 & 6, the summer 2009 meeting will be in Thompsonville at the Crystal Mountain Resort on June 18 & 19, and the 2009 annual meeting will be at the Novi Sheraton, Novi on December 3 & 4. He discussed that the committee took actions to look into the current signed contracts for the next two years and negotiate lower costs for expenses such as meals, rooms, and AV equipment rentals. Room rates have been reduced at several locations. Discussion took place on moving the spring meeting banquet to the annual meeting to coincide with the installation of Officers, Board Members, and Protem Members. There was also discussion on having all three meetings to be one and a half days.

There were no State of Michigan Report and Mechanical Inspectors Association report due to Dan O'Donnell and Ed Harris absence. David Williams did report that the 2008 code adoption committee has completed its work and passed the committee's recommendations onto the

Bureau. A proposal to delete the 2006 Michigan Residential Electrical chapters from the state code was passed nine to one. Walt Stoddard briefly discussed how standards are written and applied so we could understand the committee's actions.

Brian Carter reported that we have one hundred seventy four (174) preregistered and 14 preregistered guests.

Nominating Committee Chairman Dennis Cassady reported on the 2009 – 2010 slate of members. The slate is as follows: President Frank Donovan, 1st Vice President Phil Clark, 2nd Vice President Paul Knapp, 3rd Vice President Robert Hoekwater, Treasurer Jim Chase, Secretary Darrick Whitaker, Board Chairman Dennis Cassady, Board Western Section Representative David Williams, Board members Brian Carter, Gary Hellmer, Don LaBrenz II, George Little, Phillip Nault, Dan O'Donnell, Randy Oliver, and Walt Stoddard. Protem members Mike Andrews, Tom Bowes, Pat Falzon, Ed Harris, John Hartigan, Brian Kiley, Dan Radecki, Roger Radcliffe, Mark Shapiro, John Stoudt, and David Vallier.

Budget Committee Chairman Jim Chase reported the committee has been reviewing the reasons why the treasury has slowly been going down. The committee is currently looking at cost saving options, such as new smaller locations with less over head and better pricing, multi-year contracts, and guest's program, and hospitality room expenses. Part of the issue is the drop in membership and the corresponding drop in dues sharing from the International Office. We will be setting up a meeting budget with the aid of a professional accountant (no cost). David Sniderman questioned if we had been taking inflation into account for our expenses and program fees. Jim replied we had.

Under announcements, Walt Stoddard stated Tom Lichtenstein could not be there because his mother just suffered a heart attack and he would replace him on the code panel. David Sniderman thanked everyone for the cards and letters at his mother's funeral. Robert Hoekwater announced that Peter Van Putten has been married sixty five (65) years this month.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business there was some discussion on possible web site ads and checking with the International Office on what they recommend. David Williams lead a discussion to move the banquet from the spring meeting to the annual meeting. No action was taken on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 PM.